

California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, March 22, 2020
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- **Day 1 (Sun):** A storm system will move into primarily the southern half of CA today, bringing a chance of thunderstorms, brief heavy rain, and accumulating mountain snow.

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WEATHER KEY POINTS

03/22/20 - 03/28/20

Sunday-Monday

- The first storm system will move through primarily the southern half of the state, bringing valley rain and snow above 4500-5500 feet
 - Some minor to moderate travel impacts are possible in the mountains of Inland Region (including the Sierra) and some Southern Region mountains due to accumulating snowfall and gusty winds
 - This event will bring the heaviest rainfall rates of the week for Southern Region, with moderate to heavy rainfall possible in some locations, and urban flooding possible
 - There is a threat of mud/rockslides in the foothills; concerns about flooding on recent burn scars, including the Ferguson/Briceburg burn area, are lower than they were yesterday
 - Thunderstorms could bring strong, gusty winds and small hail, especially along the southern and central coast on Sunday

Tuesday-Wednesday

- A second, colder storm system will move through the state, with the heaviest snowfall expected in the Sierra Tuesday into early Wednesday
 - Lower snow levels are expected with this event, generally around 2000-3500 feet
 - Travel will likely be impacted in the mountains due to gusty winds and accumulating moderate to heavy snowfall

Thursday-Saturday

- Some lingering showers are possible, especially in northern CA, but in general no significant impacts are expected heading into next weekend



CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

03/22/20 - 03/28/20

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds	Southern	All Regions	Inland/ Coastal				
Snow	Inland/ Southern (Mtns)	All Regions (Mtns)	Inland/ Coastal (Mtns)	All Regions (Mtns)			
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)	Southern/ Coastal	All Regions	Inland/ Coastal	Inland			
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
Heat Risk							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow	Southern	All Regions	Inland/ Coastal	Inland			
Cold							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



Moderate Impacts



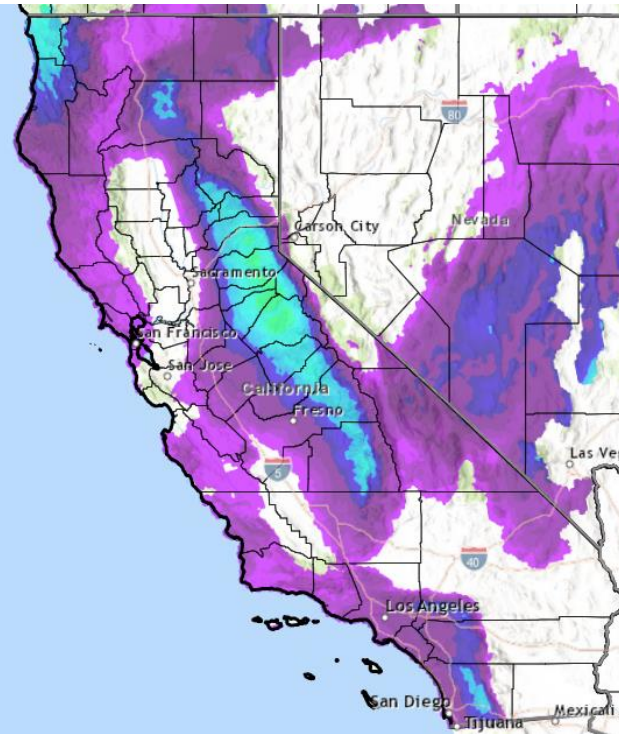
Severe Impacts

PRECIPITATION FORECAST

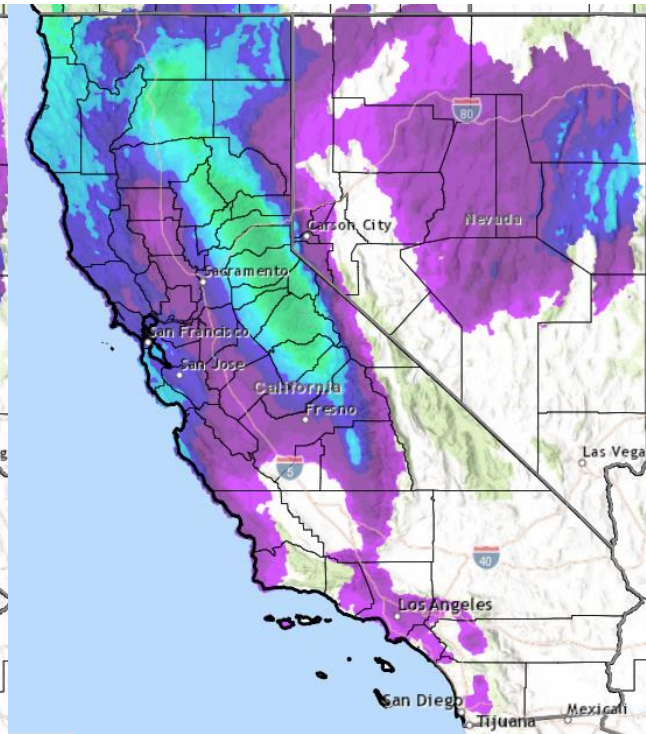
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Sunday



Monday



Tuesday

Precipitation (inches)



WEATHER OUTLOOK

03/27/20 - 04/04/20

6-10 Day Outlook (March 27 – March 31)

Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures favored statewide

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation favored statewide

8-14 Day Outlook (March 29 – April 4)

Temperatures

- Equal chances of above or below normal temperatures

Precipitation

- Below normal precipitation slightly favored statewide



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